MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got it with me.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): It is stated that sons of retired or deceased policemen are also exempted. May I know whether it is on account of their close relationship with the deceased?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): In recognition of the services of the deceased.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know why the brothers or nephews of the deceased persons who are Marumakkattayees are also not given that preference?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That point did not strike anybody and the Police Commissioner himself did not recommend it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is it because he was not a Marumakkattayee that he did not recommend it? What I wish to know is whether Government will consider that also.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes; we can make a reference to the Police Commissioner and obtain his view on that point.

Emergency cut in the salaries of covenanted officers.

34. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether some covenanted officers at present receive their salaries minus ten per cent. emergency cut?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative. The salary of covenanted officers of the State is not liable to any emergency cut. But the emergency cut is applied in the case of the British Officers lent to this State.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): With reference to the last sentence of the answer, may I know the names of the British Officers whose services are lent to this State and to whom the cut is applied?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The Dewan, the Chief Engineer, the Commandant, Captain Fairley and the Medical Entomologist.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know the saving obtained by applying a cut of 10 per cent to the pay of these officers?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): In the Dewan's pay the saving was Rs. 305-10-0 per mensem; in the Chief Engineer's pay the saving was Rs. 203-16-0; in the Commandant's pay the saving was Rs. 155-20-8, in Captain Fairley's pay the saving was Rs. 109-11-12 and in the Medical Entomologist's pay the saving was Rs. 81-12-0. If the member will add these figures he will get the amount of total saving.

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MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know why this cut in salaries does not apply to all the officers and why such a partiality is shown?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The salaries cut was applied in the case of the lent officers on the basis of the G. O. issued by the Government of India.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know the text of the G. O.?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I have not got the G. O. But the substance of it is that there should be a cut in the pay of these lent officers to the extent of 10 per cent.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Then, may I know whether it is stated in the covenant that an emergency cut should not be applied?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): There is no such thing.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Why?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): There is no covenant with the lent officers.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): I am speaking not of lent officers, but of covenanted officers.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): As there is no emergency cut in the case of the local officers there is no cut in the pay of covenanted officers.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): So, the emergency cut is to British Officers in the State, but no emergency arises for applying the cut to covenanted officers?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): That is not the way of looking at the position. The emergency cut was applied in the case of the lent officers simply because Government of India wanted that cut to be effected. The initiative was with the Government of India and not with the Travancore Government.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether Government intend to apply the cut to covenanted officers?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): They do not intend to apply the cut at present.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know the difference between covenanted officers and British Officers lent to the State?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) Covenanted officers are practically our own officers and the lent offcers are officers whose services are lent and who after their period of service here revert to the British service.

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MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether the Director of Public Instruction is a covenanted officer or a lent officer?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): He is a lent officer of the Mysore Government and not of the British Government.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether the Retrenchment Committee recommended cuts in the salaries of ordinary officers?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know why effect is not given to that recommendation?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): It is simply because the Government do not feel the immediate necessity to effect a cut in their salaries.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Government aware that the Governments of Madras and Bombay and other Governments have effected cuts in the salaries of officers?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Government are aware.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know why the Travancore Government alone have not effected any cut?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): They do not think it necessary.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): So, am I to understand that the economic depression has affected the other parts of the world, but not Travancore?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): No; in Travancore the financial position has righted itself to some extent.

Complaints against Mr. Vaidyanatha Aiyar, Inspector of Police.

35. MR N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkarai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received complaints from the people against the official vagaries and highhandedness of Mr. Vaidyanatha Aiyar, Inspector of Police, Ambalapuzha;

(*b*) whether they have received resolutions passed at public meetings presided over by responsible gentlemen condemning the said officer; and

(*c*) the action, if any, taken by the Government regarding the same?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) No; but a report was received from the Commissioner of Police stating that

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